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National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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दिनांक \Dated: 15th May, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)

Government of Chhattisgarh

Raipur

Sub: Approval letter for the financial year 2025-26 of Chhattisgarh State CAMPA- reg.Ref: 1. Chhattisgarh State letter no./CAMPA/S.O./421/2025/1385 dated 27th March, 2025

Sir,

Apropos the matter cited above and in reference to above-mentioned letter dated 27th March, 2025. It is to convey that the Annual Plan of Operation of Chhattisgarh State for the financial year 2025-26 was considered by the Executive committee of the National Authority in its 34th meeting held on 23rd April, 2025.

2. After due deliberations, approval of the Executive Committee of National Authority is hereby conveyed under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation fund Act, 2016 for the State Annual Plan of Operation 2025-26 for an amount of **Rs. 433.69 crore** (Rupees Four hundred thirty three crore and sixty nine lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 694.18 crore** (Rupees Six hundred ninety four crore and eighteen lakh only) for carrying out approved activities.

3. The details of component wise activities considered in 34th EC are as follows:

(Area in ha & Rs. in crore)

S. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
1.	Mandatory Activity				
		Compensatory Afforestation			
		i. Advance soil work	3313.499 Ha.	146.565	Approved
		ii. Nursery raising			
		iii. Creation of CA Plantation (2ndyear)	2552.144 Ha.	54.420	Approved
		iv. Maintenance of CA Plantation (3rd Year to 10th Year)	12560.589 Ha.	12.713	Approved
		Penal Compensatory Afforestation			

		i. Advance soil work	903.560 Ha.	24.361	Approved
		ii. Nursery raising			
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan			
		i. Watershed management	12 Works	7.855	Approved
		ii. Plantation to check erosion			
		iii. Creation of Gap Planation (2nd Year)	100 Ha.	0.349	Approved
		iv. Maintenance of Gap Plantation (Under Catchment Area Treatment Plan) (3rd & 7th Year)	233 Ha.	0.537	Approved
		Integrated wildlife Management plan			
	CAF Act 2016	i. Habitat management for flora and fauna (Food/cover/water management)			
		ii. Weed removal	430 Works	93.920	Approved
		iii. Human wildlife Conflict management			
		iv. Maintenance of Integrated wildlife Management Plan (2nd Year)	1476 Works	1.426	Approved
		v. Maintenance of Committed liabilities- Integrated wildlife Management Plan (3rd to 7th Year)	3504 Works	0.273	Approved
		Any Other Mandatory Works			
		Plantation below Transmission Line (1st Year) Site Preparation	229 Ha.	3.391	Approved
		Creation of Plantation below Transmission Line (2nd Year)	84 Ha.	0.828	Approved
		Maintenance of Plantation below Transmission Line (4th, 6th 7th & 8th Year)	319 Ha.	1.009	Approved
		Creation of Safety Zone (1st Year) Site Preparation	112 Works	8.297	Approved
		Maintenance of Safety Zone -2nd Year	35 Works	0.278	Approved
		Maintenance of Safety Zone -4th to 8th Year	93Works	0.110	Approved
		Soil & water conservation (1st Year) Site Preparation	5 Division	10.924	Approved
	CAF Act 2016	Soil & water conservation - Parsa Open Cost Mining	1001.630 ha.	25.000	Approved
		Maintenance of - Soil & water conservation - 4th Year	300 Ha.	0.110	Approved
		Avi-fauna plan	46 Works	4.002	Approved
		Other works Gap Plantation/Green Belt Plantation (1st Year) Site Preparation	15.50 Ha.	0.433	Approved
		Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 1		396.801	
		2. Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018			
	5(2)b	AR			
		i. Maintenance of old NPV 3rd to 5th year	36192.298 Ha.	22.052	Approved
	5(2)g	Soil and moisture conservation works			
		Maintenance of Soil & Moisture conservation works of previous APO 2023-24	360 Streams	18.000	Deferred
	5(2)h	Voluntary relocation of villages from protected areas			
		i. Name of the village (Achanakmar Tiger Reserve)			

		ii. Population iii. No. of eligible families willing iv. Availability of Land for relocation (mention in annexure)	3 Villages	16.000	Deferred
	5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat, Protection			
		i. Human wildlife conflict management (Wildlife habitat improvements other works (Territorial and wildlife protected areas))	All Divisions	11.289	Deferred
		ii. Patrolling in forest area by Territorial & Wildlife staff to prevent illicit felling, poaching, encroachment, illegal mining, illegal transportation of forest produce	290 Nos. vehicles	12.006	Deferred
		iii. Creation of Van Vigyan Kendra Bastar	1 No.	2.010	Deferred
Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 2				22.052	
3. Activity as per Rule 5(3) of CAF Rules, 2018					
	5(3)a	Establishment, Maintenance of modern nurseries			
		i. Strenghtening of Existing Hi-Tech Nurseries	24 No.	9.400	Approved
	5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology (details of equipment & devices)			
		i. Upgradation/Maintenance of Hi-Tech Barrier	76 No.	0.760	Deferred
		i. Development of staff amenities	42 Division	10.000	Deferred
	5(3)f	Casual engagement of local villagers to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for protection of forest and wildlife	42 Divisions/ 10 labour each Division	7.006	Deferred
	5(3)i	Publicity cum awareness programmes			
		i. Capacity Building/ Workshop/ awareness programme	All Ranges	1.000	Deferred
		ii. Publicity and exhibition	All Divisions	0.500	Deferred
		iii. Monitoring & Evaluation (External)	42 Divisions	1.500	Deferred
Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 3				9.400	
4. Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018					
	6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances of State CAMPA Authority & staff	43 Staff	5.440	Approved
	6(a)v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated list of members	For one year	0.025	Deferred
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3) of Rule 5			
		i. Soil & Moisture Conservation works	169 Streams	129.314	Deferred
		ii. Salary and other Expenditure for staff of	As per	0.220	Deferred

	Sub-Total of Approved Items Shown in Sr. No. 4	Requirement	5.440	
5.	Activities as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018			
6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail	For one year	0.605	Deferred
6(b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	For one year	0.297	Deferred
6(b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use only for CEO office	07 Vehicle	0.825	Deferred
6(b)iv	Other contingencies for management of State Authority	For one year	0.605	Deferred
6(b)v	Any other activity for management of forests and wildlife with the approval of Steering committee and included in the APO			
	i. Fire Watcher (Fire Protection during fire Season 15 Feb. To 15 June by Engagement of local villager as Fire Watcher)	4129 Fire watchers	18.539	Deferred
	ii. Construction of Munara inside Forest Areas (CGRVVN)	490 No.	0.629	Deferred
	iii. Solar high Mast light in sensitive Forest areas	78 No.	4.614	Deferred
	iv. Conservation & Protection of Sacred Woodland inside forest areas	49 No.	2.450	Deferred
	v. Covering Open Wells around forest areas for safety of wildlife	1040 wells (10788 Rm.)	3.452	Deferred
	vi. Running expenditure for Geomatic Centers	6 Circles	0.400	Deferred
	vii. Wildlife Rescue Equipments (Polycarbonate shield, reflective jacket, handheld torch, walkie-talkie, trap cage, bait cage, throw net, extendable ladder, gloves, traffic cones, megaphone, Binoculars etc.)	36 Divisions	2.190	Deferred
	viii. Wildlife protection Equipment (Smart Stick)	1000 No.	2.900	Deferred
	ix. Forest protection Equipment (Polycarbonate Stick)	4000 No.	0.276	Deferred
	x. Development of Integrated Geo-spatial Solutions	1 work	10.000	Deferred
	xi. Study on NTFP collection from Forest & Wildlife areas with its correlation with Forest Fire in Korea Forest Division.	1 Work	0.030	Deferred
	xii. Study on NTFP collection from Forest & Wildlife areas with its correlation with Forest Fire in Manendragarh Forest Division.	1 Work	0.030	Deferred
	xiii. Human Elephant Conflict - Land use			

		Land Change pattern, Biodiversity and food availability at Central Eastern landscape of Chhattisgarh	1 Work	0.040	Deferred
		xiv. Survey based planning for ARPA River Rejuvenation by Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai, Chhattisgarh (Bilaspur & Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi District)	1 Work	2.600	Deferred
		xv. Study on Habitat Utilization by Wild Ungulates in selected grasslands of Guru-Ghasidas Tiger Reserve	1 Work	0.060	Deferred
		xvi. Running expenditure of CAMPA vehicles	02 Vehicle	0.044	Deferred
		xvii. Audit & Accounts (Hiring of Consultant for Account preparation)	For one year	0.275	Deferred
		Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 5		0.00	
		Total Approved	Rs.433.69 crore		

4. Accordingly, the State Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State CAMPA/State Forest Department at the immediate possible for carrying out approved activities in accordance with the APO 2025-26 approved by the National Authority.

5. The Governing Body and the Steering Committee of the State CAMPA are requested to monitor the progress of implementation of approved CAMPA activities.

6. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- The State Forest Department must ensure that the Compensatory Afforestation and other site-specific activities are carried out in the approved sites as per the forest diversion approval granted by the Central Government whilst maintain the geo location co-ordinates.
- All afforestation efforts under the CA, ANR, AR, Catchment Area Treatment Plans, wildlife Habitat improvement etc. should primarily aim for comprehensive ecological restoration of the area on sustainable basis. Preference of local and indigenous species, especially fruit and fodder species should be given in every afforestation/ regeneration/ plantation and monoculture and planting of exotic species should be avoided.
- The KML files of CA and other plantation (AR and ANR etc.) should compulsorily be uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal and emailed to FSI, Dehradun with copy to National CAMPA official e-mail (nationalcampa-moefcc@gov.in) before taking up the work.
- The approved activities shall be carried out as per Rule- 4 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules, 2018 i.e. as per the provisions of the State Financial Rules or any such rules applicable from time to time in the State.
- The ratio of expenditure on the approved activities under Rule 5(2) & 5(3)

- should strictly adhere as mentioned in the Rule 5 (2) & 5 (3) should not be less than 80 percent and not more than 20 percent respectively.
- vi. Please ensure that the annual interest accrued on State CAMPA Fund is credited into the State CAMPA fund so that the activities mentioned in the CAF Rule 6 are effectively implemented.
 - vii. The activities towards maintenance of plantation/s should be implemented in such a way that the maximum survival of the saplings is finally achieved with desired growth parameters and are to be monitored.
 - viii. All the records of CAMPA activities including amount sanctioned and expenditure incurred should be maintained by State CAMPA since its inception. The records should be properly maintained at the level of Range offices, Division offices and CEO State CAMPA in prescribed formats and placed on the respective websites.
 - ix. A website of the State CAMPA should be properly developed, if not done earlier. It should have all relevant data, information, plantation maps, KML files of other assets and photographs of various activities carried out under CAMPA for effective monitoring and transparency. In respect of CA, plantations/ regeneration activities before and after photographs should be uploaded.
 - x. If required and approved by National Authority, casual engagement of local people or local labours may be hired to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f).
 - xi. Monitoring and evaluation of all the afforestation and other CAMPA activities undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State Authorities. The Executive Committee and Steering Committee of all the State/UT Authorities should ensure adequate measures for regular internal and third-party monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities on regular basis. For third party monitoring, State should engage agencies, who are professionally/ technically competent and independent of the State Government.
 - xii. The monitoring and evaluation reports of all CAMPA works done upto the year 2024-2025 and all previous years alongwith all the relevant records should be made available to the DG, FSI & Member Coordinator, Monitoring Group annually as well as whenever required by him with copy to National CAMPA.
 - xiii. A statement that the Annual Report, Annual Accounts and the Audit Report together with a memorandum of action taken on recommendations contained therein has been laid in each house of the States/UTs legislature as per the cases, under section 29 of the CAF Act 2016, shall be invariably submitted with the APO every year seeking approval of the National Authority.
 - xiv. Prior to implementation of approved APOs, the EC of the State Authority shall ensure that a certificate is available with them to the effect that the proposed activities are being taken up after due consultation with Gram Sabha and are as per provisions of FRA 2006 as required under the provision of the CAF Rule 5 (3).
 - xv. State Government should ensure that the activities proposed in forest areas are in consonance with approved working plan; and activities proposed in protected areas (PAs) are in consonance with approved State Wildlife Management Plan, whereas activities proposed in forest fire prevention and

- control operations should be as per Integrated Fire Management Plan of the state.
- xvi. Soil and Moisture Conservation works should be carried out in an integrated manner from ridge to valley approach in degraded forests. This shall focus on rejuvenation of rivers and achievements should be placed as per the DPRs for 13 major rivers released by MoEF&CC recently. APOs in future should indicate the reference of DPRs being implemented. The data of afforestation, aided forest regeneration and efforts for increasing tree cover outside should be shared with FSI for continuous assessment of green cover and evaluation. If not part of the above mentioned DPR, then state should take it up as per planned activity approved by State Government or in working plan.
 - xvii. The State /UT Authorities should make a detail record of total forest land transferred and compensatory afforestation carried out/ compensated the loss of green cover/ecosystem services.
 - xviii. The State EC shall also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding from other schemes of the State or Central Government and provide a certificate to that effect.
 - xix. Compensating the loss of ecological services due to forest diversion for non-forestry purposes is the main objective of Compensatory Afforestation Fund. Regeneration and development of forests should, therefore, be given priority in degraded forests as well as non-forest lands. Priority should also be accorded for regeneration and development of forests and wildlife habitat.
 - xx. The Executive Committee of the State shall also ensure that proposed activities have adequate forward and backward linkages and are being taken up as per prevailing approved minimum wage rate, schedule of rates, model estimates etc.
 - xxi. There should not be any reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the regular State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds to the State.
 - xxii. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
 - xxiii. Purchase of vehicles for office use is not permitted. Vehicles are to be hired as per approved APO. The repair/ maintenance of vehicles shall be limited to the vehicles purchased from the CAMPA funds previously.
 - xxiv. Procurement of multi-utility vehicles for meeting the operational requirements of forest front line staff of State/UT Forest departments from the NPV component of State CAMPA is permissible as per approved APO complying the guidelines issued by the National CAMPA vide NA-16/2/2023-NA dated 12th January 2024.
 - xxv. IRO of the regional office of the Ministry shall monitor and evaluate CAMPA activities. The State CAMPA Authority shall keep sufficient budgetary provisions for monitoring by IRO, in the State APOs under monitoring head. IRO should submit the Monitoring and Evaluation reports within three to four months to National Authority.
 - xxvi. The States/UTs CAMPA Authority shall complete the works approved in APO within the year and avoid any spill over for the next year. It is important to complete mandatory activities first and utilize the released funds for maintenance of CAMPA activities under NPV & Interest components before starting new activities.
 - xxvii. The States/UTs Authority are proposing engagement of casual labours for

protection of Forests for the entire State. It is clarified that such item can be considered only for around the forest areas where the land transfer has taken place and need special protection owing to the developmental activities.

- xxviii. The validity of APO (2025-26) is valid till 31.03.2026. Further continuation of the balance/ incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the approved APO.
- xxix. The State/UT Authorities shall work out details of funds available with the State CAMPA head-wise under CA/ CAT Plan/ Wildlife Mitigation Plan, NPV and interest components etc. after deducting the expenditure incurred and prepare Annual Plan of operation for next year based on CAMPA funds available with the States/UTs. Priority shall be given to the mandatory activities including commitment on maintenance of previous years.
- xxx. All wage payments should be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

7. This issues with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer, National Authority on the e-file.

Yours faithfully

(Suveena Thakur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and (HoFF)-cum Chairperson, the Executive Committee of the State CAMPA, Department of Forest, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Chief Executive Officer of Chhattisgarh State CAMPA, Raipur.
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
5. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.
6. The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Raipur.
7. The Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, Member Coordinator, Monitoring Group of National Authority, CAMPA.
8. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
9. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

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